

NRG: [Wilson1975], [Toth2008], [Weichselbaum2012b]. DMRG: [McCulloch2001], [McCulloch2002]

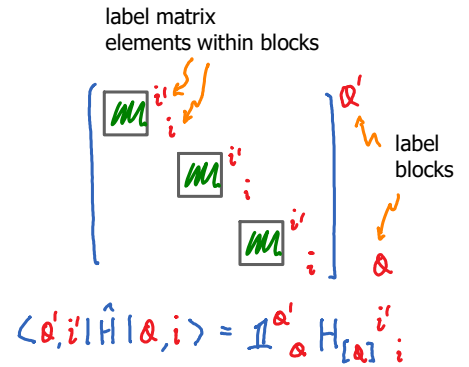
General tensor network: Singh, Pfeiffer, Vidal [Singh2010]

Goal: exploit symmetries of Hamiltonian!

If Hamiltonian has a symmetry,  $[\hat{H}, \hat{Q}] = 0$ , where  $\hat{Q}$  is generator of symmetry group, then  $\hat{H}$  is block-diagonal in  $\hat{Q}$  eigenbasis:

$$\hat{Q}|\alpha, i\rangle = \alpha|\alpha, i\rangle \Rightarrow \hat{H}|\alpha, i\rangle = |\alpha, i\rangle H_{[\alpha] i} \quad (1)$$

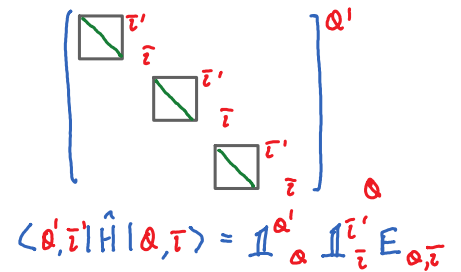
'multiplicity index'  $i$  enumerates different states with same  $\alpha$



Separate diagonalization of each block yields simultaneous eigenbasis of  $\hat{H}$  and  $\hat{Q}$ .

$$\hat{Q}|\alpha, \bar{i}\rangle = \alpha|\alpha, \bar{i}\rangle, \quad \hat{H}|\alpha, \bar{i}\rangle = E_{\alpha, \bar{i}}|\alpha, \bar{i}\rangle \quad (2)$$

overbar will indicate energy eigenbasis



(For non-Abelian symmetries, degenerate multiplets arise -- next lecture.)

Exploiting this structures reduces numerical costs!

1. Example, Abelian symmetry: XXZ-chain (spin 1/2) symmetry group: U(1)

$$\hat{H} = \sum_l J_z \hat{S}_l^z \hat{S}_{l+1}^z + \sum_l \frac{J_{\perp}}{2} (\hat{S}_l^+ \hat{S}_{l+1}^- + \hat{S}_l^- \hat{S}_{l+1}^+) = \hat{H}^{zz} + \hat{H}^{sf} \quad (3)$$

spin-flip

Total spin,  $\hat{S}_{tot}^z = \sum_l \hat{S}_l^z$ , is conserved:  $[\hat{H}, \hat{S}_{tot}^z] = 0$  'Abelian U(1) symmetry' (4)

For Abelian symmetry, conserved quantum number is often called 'charge':  $\hat{Q} \equiv 2 \hat{S}_{tot}^z$ .

to avoid proliferation of 1/2 factors

Conservation of  $\hat{S}_{tot}^z$  is obvious by inspection. But let us check explicitly:

One site:  $\hat{S}_l^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\hat{S}_l^- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\hat{Q}_l = 2\hat{S}_l^z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  (5)

Consider matrix representation of operators in the direct-product basis of sites 1 and 2:  $\{| \alpha_1 \rangle \otimes | \alpha_2 \rangle \}$

$$\hat{Q}_1 + \hat{Q}_2 = \hat{Q}_1 \otimes \hat{I}_2 + \hat{I}_1 \otimes \hat{Q}_2$$

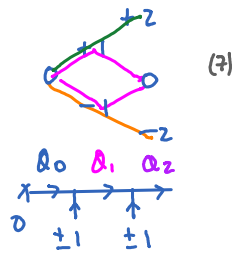
$$= \begin{pmatrix} +1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ -1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} +1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} +1 & \\ & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{matrix} \alpha' \backslash \alpha & \begin{matrix} \uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\downarrow & \downarrow\uparrow & \downarrow\downarrow \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 2 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ & & & -2 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad (6)$$

Total charge has 3 eigenvalues,  
with degeneracies:

$$Q \in \{2, 0, -2\}$$

$$\underline{1} \quad \underline{2} \quad \underline{1}$$

degeneracies match  
number of ways to arrive  
specified at total charge:



$$\frac{\hat{H}^{zz}}{\frac{1}{4}J_z} = \hat{Q}_1 \hat{Q}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} +1 & (+1 & -1) \\ & -1 & (+1 & -1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{matrix} Q' \\ 2 & \uparrow\uparrow & \begin{matrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{matrix} \\ 0 & \uparrow\downarrow & \begin{matrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{matrix} \\ 0 & \downarrow\uparrow & \\ -2 & \downarrow\downarrow & \begin{matrix} \\ 1 \end{matrix} \end{matrix} \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{\hat{H}^{sf}}{\frac{1}{2}J} = \hat{S}_1^+ \hat{S}_2^- + \hat{S}_1^- \hat{S}_2^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0 & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} & 0 \\ 1 & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{matrix} \uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\downarrow & \downarrow\uparrow & \downarrow\downarrow \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \\ \\ \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \\ 1 \\ \\ \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \\ \\ 1 \\ \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \\ \\ \\ 0 \end{matrix} \end{matrix} \quad (9)$$

Both (8) and (9) are block-diagonal  $\Rightarrow [\hat{Q}_{tot}, \hat{H}_{12}] = 0$  (10)

Eigenstates of  $\hat{H}_{12}$  will carry  $Q$ -eigenvalue as one of their quantum numbers.

Bookkeeping for 2 sites (using  $Q = z$  (Eigenvalue of  $\hat{S}_{tot}^z$  as label) (11)

Label states as  $|Q, i\rangle$ , where the 'multiplicity label'  $i$  enumerate states having the same  $Q$ .

List of states needed  
to describe 2 sites:

no sites	one site	two sites
2	2	2
0	1	0
	-1	-2

list index $\nu$	charge $Q$	$i$ enumerates states with same charge	explicit representation	state
1	2	1	1	$ \uparrow\uparrow\rangle$
2	0	1	$(1, 0)^T := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$ \uparrow, \downarrow\rangle$
		2	$(0, 1)^T := \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$ \downarrow, \uparrow\rangle$
3	-2	1	1	$ \downarrow\downarrow\rangle$

 (12)

2-site Hamiltonian:

$$H_{12} = \frac{1}{4}J_z \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & -1 & & \\ & & -1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2}J \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

List of sectors ('blocks')  
arising for 2-site Hamiltonian:

$\nu$	$Q'$	$Q$	$\langle Q'   H   Q \rangle \sim \mathbb{1}^{Q' Q}$
1	2	2	$\frac{1}{4}J_z$
2	0	0	$-\frac{1}{4}J_z \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2}J \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
3	-2	-2	$\frac{1}{4}J_z$

 (13)

The task of diagonalizing  
Hamiltonian splits into  
three separate tasks:  
diagonalizing three blocks  
(two of which are trivial).

### 3. Sites

Next consider three sites 1, 2 and 3, with direct product basis  $\{|Q_1\rangle \otimes |Q_2\rangle \otimes |Q_3\rangle\}$

$\hat{Q}_{tot} = \sum_{\ell=1}^3 \hat{Q}_\ell$  has 4 eigenvalues,  $Q \in \{3, 1, -1, -3\}$  degeneracies match number of ways to arrive specified at total charge:

total charge                      with degeneracies:  $\underline{1} \quad \underline{3} \quad \underline{3} \quad \underline{1}$



Matrix representation of Hamiltonian in direct product basis:

$$\frac{\hat{H}^{zz}}{\frac{1}{4}J^z} = \hat{Q}_1 \hat{Q}_2 \hat{I}_3 + \hat{I}_1 \hat{Q}_2 \hat{Q}_3$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} +1 \begin{pmatrix} +1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & & \\ & -1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \\ & & -1 \begin{pmatrix} +1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \\ & & & +1 \begin{pmatrix} +1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{matrix} Q' \backslash Q & +3 & +1 & +1 & -1 & +1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ +3 & \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\downarrow & \downarrow\uparrow & \downarrow\downarrow & \downarrow\downarrow & \downarrow\downarrow \\ +1 & \uparrow\uparrow\downarrow & & & & & & & \\ +1 & \uparrow\downarrow\uparrow & & & & & & & \\ -1 & \uparrow\downarrow\downarrow & & & & & & & \\ -1 & \downarrow\uparrow\uparrow & & & & & & & \\ -1 & \downarrow\uparrow\downarrow & & & & & & & \\ -3 & \downarrow\downarrow\downarrow & & & & & & & \end{matrix} \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{\hat{H}^{sf}}{\frac{1}{2}J} = (\hat{S}_1^+ \hat{S}_2^- + \hat{S}_1^- \hat{S}_2^+) \hat{I}_3 + \hat{I}_1 (\hat{S}_2^+ \hat{S}_3^- + \hat{S}_2^- \hat{S}_3^+)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \uparrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & & \\ & \uparrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & & \\ & & \uparrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \\ & & & \uparrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{matrix} Q' \backslash Q & +3 & +1 & +1 & -1 & +1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ +3 & \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\downarrow & \downarrow\uparrow & \downarrow\downarrow & \downarrow\downarrow & \downarrow\downarrow \\ +1 & \uparrow\uparrow\downarrow & & & & & & & \\ +1 & \uparrow\downarrow\uparrow & & & & & & & \\ -1 & \uparrow\downarrow\downarrow & & & & & & & \\ -1 & \downarrow\uparrow\uparrow & & & & & & & \\ -1 & \downarrow\uparrow\downarrow & & & & & & & \\ -3 & \downarrow\downarrow\downarrow & & & & & & & \end{matrix} \quad (16)$$

The direct-product scheme does not automatically produce a block-diagonal structure for  $\hat{H}^{sf}$ , because it orders basis states in such a way that not all states with same Q appear in a contiguous block. To arrive at a block-diagonal structure, interchange 4th and 5th basis vectors (switch rows  $4 \leftrightarrow 5$  & columns  $4 \leftrightarrow 5$ ).

In rearranged basis with contiguous blocks of Q's, all terms of  $\hat{H}^{zz}$  and  $\hat{H}^{sf}$  are block-diagonal:

$$\frac{\hat{H}^{zz}}{\frac{1}{4}J^z} = \begin{matrix} Q' \backslash Q & +3 & +1 & +1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ +3 & \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\downarrow & \downarrow\uparrow & \downarrow\downarrow & \downarrow\downarrow \\ +1 & \uparrow\uparrow\downarrow & & & & & & \\ +1 & \uparrow\downarrow\uparrow & & & & & & \\ -1 & \uparrow\downarrow\downarrow & & & & & & \\ -1 & \downarrow\uparrow\uparrow & & & & & & \\ -1 & \downarrow\uparrow\downarrow & & & & & & \\ -3 & \downarrow\downarrow\downarrow & & & & & & \end{matrix} \quad , \quad \frac{\hat{H}^{sf}}{\frac{1}{2}J} = \begin{matrix} Q' \backslash Q & +3 & +1 & +1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ +3 & \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\uparrow & \uparrow\downarrow & \downarrow\uparrow & \downarrow\downarrow & \downarrow\downarrow \\ +1 & \uparrow\uparrow\downarrow & & & & & & \\ +1 & \uparrow\downarrow\uparrow & & & & & & \\ -1 & \uparrow\downarrow\downarrow & & & & & & \\ -1 & \downarrow\uparrow\uparrow & & & & & & \\ -1 & \downarrow\uparrow\downarrow & & & & & & \\ -3 & \downarrow\downarrow\downarrow & & & & & & \end{matrix} \quad (17)$$

## Bookkeeping for 3 sites

List of states needed to describe 3 sites:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 & & +3 & \\
 & +2 & & \\
 +1 & & +1 & \\
 0 & 0 & & \\
 -1 & & -1 & \\
 & -2 & & \\
 & & -3 & 
 \end{array}$$

$\nu$	charge $Q$	$i$ enumerates states with same charge	explicit representation	state
1	3	1	1	$ ↑↑↑\rangle$
2	1	1	$(1,0,0)^T$	$ ↑↑↓\rangle$
		2	$(0,1,0)^T$	$ ↑↓↑\rangle$
		3	$(0,0,1)^T$	$ ↓↑↑\rangle$
3	-1	1	$(1,0,0)^T$	$ ↓↓↓\rangle$
		2	$(0,1,0)^T$	$ ↓↑↓\rangle$
		3	$(0,0,1)^T$	$ ↓↓↑\rangle$
4	-3	1	1	$ ↓↓↓\rangle$

3-site Hamiltonian:

$$H_{123} = \frac{1}{4} J_z \left[ \begin{array}{c} \boxed{+2} \\ \boxed{0} \quad \boxed{-2} \\ \boxed{0} \quad \boxed{-2} \\ \boxed{0} \end{array} \right] + \frac{1}{2} J \left[ \begin{array}{c} \boxed{0} \\ \boxed{1} \quad \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{1} \quad \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{1} \quad \boxed{1} \\ \boxed{0} \end{array} \right] \quad (19)$$

List of sectors ('blocks') arising for 3-site Hamiltonian:

$\nu$	$Q'$	$Q$	$\langle \alpha   H   \alpha' \rangle \sim \mathbb{1}^{Q'Q}$
1	3	3	$\frac{1}{2} J_z$
2	1	1	$\frac{1}{2} J_z \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} J \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
3	-1	-1	$\frac{1}{2} J_z \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} J \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
4	-3	-3	$\frac{1}{2} J_z$

The task of diagonalizing Hamiltonian can be split into four separate tasks (two of which are trivial).

### Summary of lessons learnt from example

For an Abelian symmetry, with  $[\hat{H}, \hat{Q}] = 0$ , the  $\hat{Q}$ -eigenstates can be labeled as  $|Q, i\rangle$  (21)

- 'Q-label' or 'symmetry label':  $Q$ , eigenvalues of  $\hat{Q}$
- 'i-label' or 'multiplicity label':  $i$ , enumerates different irreducible multiplets having same  $Q$

For an abelian symmetry each 'multiplet' contains just a single state, hence  $Q$  suffices for labeling states.

(For nonabelian symmetry, it could contain several states, hence another internal label is needed:  $|Q, i, j\rangle$ )

In group theory language:  $|Q, i\rangle$  is a 'reducible multiplet' of  $\hat{Q}$ , the index  $i$  serves to 'reduce' it.

We need systematic, automatable way of generating all states  $|Q, i\rangle$  and computing matrix elements

$$H_{[Q] i' i} = \langle Q, i' | \hat{H} | Q, i \rangle \quad (22)$$

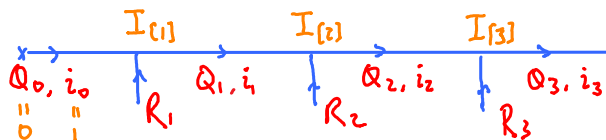
Diagonalizing  $H_{[Q]}$  yields symmetry- and energy eigenstates,  $|Q, \bar{i}\rangle = |Q, i\rangle U_{[Q]}^i \bar{i}$  (23)

with eigenenergies  $E_{[Q] \bar{i}}$  overbar will indicate energy eigenbasis

Build chain iteratively, in  $|Q, i\rangle$  basis:

Local basis for each site:  $|s\rangle =: |R\rangle \in \{|1\rangle, |-1\rangle\}$  for spin-1/2 chain

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'sum rule' at each vertex:

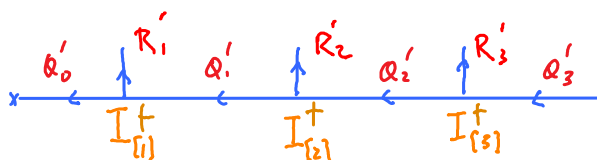
$$\underbrace{Q_{l-1} + R_l}_{\text{in}} = Q_l \quad (1) \quad \text{out}$$

The 'identity matrix'  $I_{[e]}$  transforms to 'symmetry eigenbasis':

$$|Q_l, i_l\rangle = |R_l\rangle |Q_{l-1}, i_{l-1}\rangle \left( I_{[e]}^{Q_{l-1}, R_l} \right)_{i_{l-1}, i_l} \quad (2)$$

The i-index is often omitted in diagrams.

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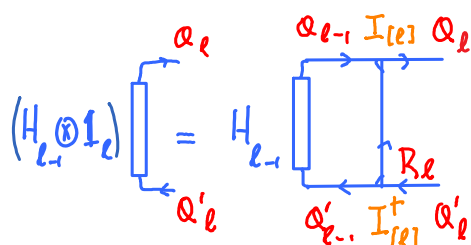


'sum rule' at each vertex:

$$\underbrace{Q'_{l-1} + R'_l}_{\text{out}} = Q'_l \quad (3) \quad \text{in}$$

$I_{[e]}$  -matrices encode the sum rules, thereby yielding a block-diagonal Hamiltonian.

Induction: if  $H_{l-1}$  is block-diagonal, so is  $H_l = H_{l-1} \otimes I_e + S_{l-1}^+ \otimes S_l^- + S_{l-1}^- \otimes S_l^+$  :

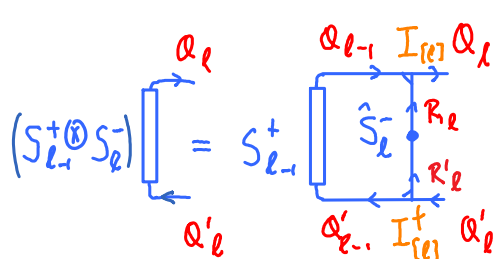


$$\langle Q'_{l-1} | \hat{H} | Q_{l-1} \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow Q'_{l-1} = Q_{l-1} \quad (4)$$

$$\langle Q_{l-1}, R_l | \hat{I}_{[e]} | Q_l \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow Q_{l-1} + R_l = Q_l \quad (5)$$

$$\langle Q'_l | \hat{I}_{[e]} | Q_{l-1}, R_l \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow Q'_l = Q_{l-1} + R_l \quad (6)$$

These relations imply:  $\underline{Q'_l} = \overset{(6)}{Q'_{l-1} + R_l} = \overset{(4)}{Q_{l-1} + R_l} = \overset{(5)}{Q_l} \Rightarrow \text{block-diagonal} \quad (7)$



$$\langle Q'_{l-1} | \hat{S}_{l-1}^+ | Q_{l-1} \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow Q'_{l-1} = Q_{l-1} + 1 \quad (8)$$

$$\langle R'_l | \hat{S}_l^- | R_l \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow R'_l = R_l - 1 \quad (9)$$

$$\langle Q_{l-1}, R_l | \hat{I}_{[e]} | Q_l \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow Q_{l-1} + R_l = Q_l \quad (10)$$

$$\langle Q'_l | \hat{I}_{[e]} | Q_{l-1}, R'_l \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow Q'_l = Q_{l-1} + R'_l \quad (11)$$

These relations imply:  $\underline{Q'_l} \overset{(11)}{=} Q'_{l-1} + R'_l = \overset{(8)}{(Q_{l-1} + 1)} + \overset{(9)}{(R_l - 1)} \overset{(5)}{=} Q_l \Rightarrow \text{block-diagonal} \quad (12)$

This is no surprise: if every vertex satisfies charge conservation, so does entire diagram!

## Strategy for iterative diagonalization

(i) Add new site, (ii) transform to symmetry eigenbasis to make Hamiltonian block-diagonal.

(iii) Diagonalize each block, (iv) transform to energy eigenbasis.

$$(i) \quad \hat{H}_l = \underbrace{\hat{H}}_{\text{sites } 1 \dots l-1} + \underbrace{\hat{h}_l}_{\text{local term}} + \underbrace{\hat{H}_{l-1,l}}_{\text{coupling between sites } l-1, l} \quad (13)$$

$$H_l = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{l-1}, i_{l-1}} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{\alpha'_{l-1}, i'_{l-1}} \end{array} \\ \text{---} \\ \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{l-1}, i_{l-1}} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{\alpha'_{l-1}, i'_{l-1}} \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow R_l \\ \downarrow R'_l \end{array} = H_{l-1} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \mathbb{1}_l \\ \downarrow \mathbb{1}_l \end{array} + \mathbb{1}_l \begin{array}{c} \uparrow h_l \\ \downarrow h_l \end{array} + H_{l-1,l} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \quad (14)$$

(ii) Symmetry eigenbasis:

$$|\alpha_l, i_l\rangle = |R_l\rangle |\alpha_{l-1}, i_{l-1}\rangle \begin{bmatrix} I_{[l]}^{\alpha_{l-1}, R_l} & \\ & \alpha_l \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} i_{l-1} \\ i_l \end{array} \quad (15)$$

To transform to this basis, attach 'identity matrices' to legs of  $H_l$ :

$$H_l = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{l-1}, i_{l-1}} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{\alpha'_{l-1}, i'_{l-1}} \end{array} \\ \text{---} \\ \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{l-1}, i_{l-1}} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{\alpha'_{l-1}, i'_{l-1}} \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow I_{[l]} \\ \downarrow I_{[l]}^+ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \alpha_l \\ \downarrow \alpha'_l \end{array} H_{[l]} = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{i_l} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{i'_l} \end{array} \\ \text{---} \\ \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{i_l} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{i'_l} \end{array} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \text{---} \\ \square \end{array} \\ \text{---} \\ \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \text{---} \\ \square \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \alpha'_l \\ \downarrow \alpha_l \end{array} H_{[l]} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \alpha'_l \\ \downarrow \alpha_l \end{array} \quad (16)$$

(iii) Diagonalize block:

$$H_{[\alpha_l]} |\alpha_l, \bar{i}_l\rangle = E_{\alpha_l, \bar{i}_l} |\alpha_l, \bar{i}_l\rangle \quad (17)$$

(iv) Transform to energy eigenbasis:

$$|\alpha_l, \bar{i}_l\rangle = |\alpha_l, i_l\rangle U_{[\alpha_l]} \begin{array}{c} i_l \\ \bar{i}_l \end{array} \quad (18)$$

Applying this transformation to  $H_l$  yields diagonal representation:

$$E_{\alpha_l, \bar{i}_l} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha_l, \bar{i}_l} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{\alpha_l, \bar{i}_l} \end{array} \\ \text{---} \\ \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha_l, \bar{i}_l} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{\alpha_l, \bar{i}_l} \end{array} \end{array} = H_{[\alpha_l]} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha_l, i_l} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{\alpha_l, i'_l} \end{array} \\ \text{---} \\ \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha_l, i_l} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{\alpha_l, i'_l} \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow U_{[\alpha_l]} \\ \downarrow U_{[\alpha_l]}^+ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \alpha_l, \bar{i}_l \\ \downarrow \alpha_l, \bar{i}_l \end{array} \quad (19)$$

here we need only those blocks of  $H_{l-1}$  (see 14) which contribute to total charge  $\alpha_l$

$$(16) = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{l-1}, i_{l-1}} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{\alpha'_{l-1}, i'_{l-1}} \end{array} \\ \text{---} \\ \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{l-1}, i_{l-1}} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{\alpha'_{l-1}, i'_{l-1}} \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow I_{[l]} \\ \downarrow I_{[l]}^+ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \alpha_l, i_l \\ \downarrow \alpha_l, i'_l \end{array} U_{[\alpha_l]} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \alpha_l, \bar{i}_l \\ \downarrow \alpha_l, \bar{i}_l \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{l-1}, i_{l-1}} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{\alpha'_{l-1}, i'_{l-1}} \end{array} \\ \text{---} \\ \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\alpha_{l-1}, i_{l-1}} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{\alpha'_{l-1}, i'_{l-1}} \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow A_{[l]} \\ \downarrow A_{[l]}^+ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \alpha_l, \bar{i}_l \\ \downarrow \alpha_l, \bar{i}_l \end{array} \quad (20)$$

So, transformation from old to new eigenbasis is described by A-matrices (only these need to be saved to disk):

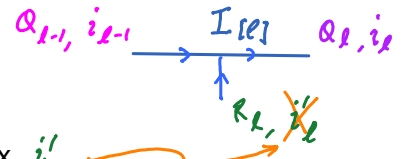
$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{[l]}^{\alpha_{l-1}, R_l} \\ \alpha_l \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} i_{l-1} \\ \bar{i}_l \end{array} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{[l]}^{\alpha_{l-1}, R_l} \\ \alpha_l \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} i_{l-1} \\ i_l \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} U_{[\alpha_l]} \\ \bar{i}_l \end{bmatrix} \quad \alpha_{l-1}, i_{l-1} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{A_{[l]}} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{A_{[l]}^+} \end{array} \alpha_l, \bar{i}_l = \alpha_{l-1}, i_{l-1} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{I_{[l]}} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{I_{[l]}^+} \end{array} \alpha_l, i_l \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{U_{[\alpha_l]}} \\ \text{---} \\ \xleftarrow{U_{[\alpha_l]}^+} \end{array} \alpha_l, \bar{i}_l \quad (20)$$

### 3. Bookkeeping for 'identity matrices'

Sym-I.3

'Identity matrix' relates direct product basis of bond  $l-1$  and site  $l$  to basis of bond  $l$  :

$$(I_{[l]}^{Q_{l-1}, R_l})_{i_{l-1}, i_l} := \langle Q_{l-1}, i_{l-1} | \langle R_l, i_l | Q_l, i_l \rangle$$



Each site hosts just one spin 1/2, hence physical leg needs no multiplet index  $i_l$

$$\hookrightarrow |R_l\rangle \in \{|+1\rangle, |-1\rangle\}$$

viewed as composite index

$(Q_{l-1}, R_l)$ ,  $Q_l$  label row, column positions of blocks within

$$I_{[l]} = \begin{pmatrix} \square & & & \\ & \square & & \\ & & \square & \\ & & & \square \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} Q_{l-1}, R_l \\ \\ \\ Q_l \end{matrix}$$

$\left. \begin{matrix} i_{l-1} = 1, \dots, M_{l-1} \\ i_l = 1, \dots, M_l \end{matrix} \right\}$  label row, column positions of matrix elements within blocks:  $\square_{i_{l-1}, i_l}$

Exploit sparse structure by storing only nonzero blocks, i.e. those with charge labels satisfying  $Q_l = Q_{l-1} + R_l$ .

Make list in which each row describes one such block, containing  $Q_{l-1}, R_l, Q_l$  and the block matrix elements:

List index $\nu$	incoming bond $Q_{l-1}$	physical leg $R_l$	outgoing bond $Q_l$	block dimension $M_{l-1} \times 1, M_l$	matrix elements of block $\square_{i_{l-1}, i_l}$
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Sites 0 and 1

$$(I_{[1]}^{Q_0, R_1})_{i_0, i_1} = Q_0, i_0 \xrightarrow{I_{[1]}} Q_1, i_1$$

$$\begin{matrix} Q_0 = 0 \\ R_1 \in \{\pm 1\} \\ Q_1 = Q_0 + R_1 \in \{\pm 1\} \end{matrix}$$

$\langle Q_0, i_0   \langle R_1$	$ Q_1, i_1\rangle$	$ +1, 1\rangle$	$ -1, 1\rangle$
$\langle 0, 1   \langle 1$	$\square$	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$
$\langle 0, 1   \langle 1$	$\square$	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$
$\langle 0, 1   \langle 1$	$\square$	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$

list index $\nu$	bond 0 $Q_0$	site 1 $R_1$	bond 1 $Q_1$	block dim $M_0 \times 1, M_1$	block elements $(I_{[1]}^{Q_0, R_1})_{i_0, i_1}^{\nu}$
1	0	+1	+1	1x1, 1	$\square$
2	0	-1	-1	1x1, 1	$\square$

each grey box is 1x1 matrix, since multiplet indices take only one value,  $i_0 = , i_1 =$  i.e.  $M_0 = , M_1 =$

Sites 1 and 2

$$(I_{[2]}^{Q_1, R_2})_{i_1, i_2} = Q_1, i_1 \xrightarrow{I_{[2]}} Q_2, i_2$$

$$\begin{matrix} Q_1 \in \{\pm 1\} \\ R_2 \in \{\pm 1\} \\ Q_2 = Q_1 + R_2 \in \{\pm 2, 0\} \end{matrix}$$

$\langle Q_1, i_1   \langle R_2$	$ Q_2, i_2\rangle$	$ 2, 1\rangle$	$ 0, 1\rangle$	$ 0, 2\rangle$	$ -2, 1\rangle$
$\langle +1, 1   \langle +1$	$\square$	$\uparrow\uparrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\downarrow\uparrow$	$\downarrow\downarrow$
$\langle +1, 1   \langle -1$	$\square$	$\uparrow\uparrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\downarrow\uparrow$	$\downarrow\downarrow$
$\langle -1, 1   \langle +1$	$\square$	$\uparrow\uparrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\downarrow\uparrow$	$\downarrow\downarrow$
$\langle -1, 1   \langle -1$	$\square$	$\uparrow\uparrow$	$\uparrow\downarrow$	$\downarrow\uparrow$	$\downarrow\downarrow$

$\nu$	$Q_1$	$R_2$	$Q_2$	$M_1 \times 1, M_2$	$(I_{[2]}^{Q_1, R_2})_{i_1, i_2}^{\nu}$
1	+1	+1	+2	1x1, 1	$\square$
2	+1	-1	0	1x1, 2	$\square \ 0$
3	-1	-1	0	1x1, 2	$0 \ \square$
4	-1	-1	-2	1x1, 1	$\square$

Sites 2 and 3

$$\left( I_{[3]} \begin{matrix} Q_2 & R_3 \\ & Q \end{matrix} \right)_{i_2}^{i_2} = Q_{2,i_2} \xrightarrow{\substack{I_{[3]} \\ \uparrow R_3}} Q_{3,i_3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_2 &\in \{\pm 2, 0\} \\ R_3 &\in \{\pm 1\} \\ Q_3 &= Q_2 + R_3 \in \{\pm 3, \pm 1\} \end{aligned}$$

$\langle Q_1, i_1   \langle R_2  $	$ Q_2, i_2\rangle$	$ +3, 1\rangle$	$ +1, 1\rangle$	$ +2\rangle$	$ +1, 3\rangle$	$  -1, 1\rangle$	$  -1, 3\rangle$	$  -3, 1\rangle$
$\langle +2, 1   \langle +1  $	$\uparrow\uparrow$	$\boxed{1}$						
$\langle +2, 1   \langle -1  $	$\uparrow\downarrow$		$\boxed{1 \ 0 \ 0}$					
$\langle 0, 1   \langle +1  $	$\uparrow\downarrow$		$\boxed{0 \ 1 \ 0}$					
$\langle 0, 2   \langle +1  $	$\downarrow\uparrow$		$\boxed{0 \ 0 \ 1}$					
$\langle 0, 1   \langle -1  $	$\uparrow\downarrow$			$\boxed{1 \ 0 \ 0}$				
$\langle 0, 2   \langle -1  $	$\downarrow\uparrow$			$\boxed{0 \ 1 \ 0}$				
$\langle -2, 1   \langle +1  $	$\downarrow\uparrow$				$\boxed{0 \ 0 \ 1}$			
$\langle -2, 1   \langle -1  $	$\downarrow\downarrow$					$\boxed{1}$		

$\nu$	$Q_2$	$R_3$	$Q_3$	$M_{2 \times 1}, M_3$	$(I_{[3]} \begin{matrix} Q_2 & R_3 \\ & Q \end{matrix})_{i_2}^{i_2}$
1	+2	+1	+3	$1 \times 1, 1$	$\boxed{1}$
2	+2	-1	+1	$1 \times 1, 3$	$\boxed{1 \ 0 \ 0}$
3	0	+1	+1	$2 \times 1, 3$	$\boxed{0 \ 1 \ 0}$ $\boxed{0 \ 0 \ 1}$
4	0	-1	-1	$2 \times 1, 3$	$\boxed{1 \ 0 \ 0}$ $\boxed{0 \ 1 \ 0}$
5	-2	+1	-1	$1 \times 1, 3$	$\boxed{0 \ 0 \ 1}$
6	-2	-1	-3	$1 \times 1, 1$	$\boxed{1}$

The scheme for producing such tables can be automated!

A-matrix obtained by diagonalizing H has same structure:

$$Q_{2,i_2} \xrightarrow{\substack{I_{[3]} \\ \uparrow R_3}} Q_{3,i_3} \xrightarrow{\substack{U_{[3]} \\ \uparrow \bar{Q}_3, \bar{i}_3}} Q_{3,i_3} =: Q_{2,i_2} \xrightarrow{\substack{A_{[3]} \\ \uparrow R_3}} Q_{3,i_3}$$

$$\left( I_{[3]} \begin{matrix} a & b \\ Q_2, R_3 & Q_3 \end{matrix} \right)_{i_2}^{i_2} \left( U_{[3]} \begin{matrix} b & c \\ Q_3 & \bar{Q}_3 \end{matrix} \right)_{i_3}^{i_3} =: \left( A_{[3]} \begin{matrix} a & b \\ Q_2, R_3 & Q_3 \end{matrix} \right)_{i_2}^{i_2} \begin{matrix} i_2 \\ i_3 \end{matrix}$$
  

$$\sim \mathbb{1}_{Q_3, \bar{Q}_3}$$
  

$\nu$	$Q_2$	$R_3$	$Q_3$	$M_{2 \times 1}, M_3$	$(A_{[3]} \begin{matrix} Q_2 & R_3 \\ & Q_3 \end{matrix})_{i_2}^{i_2}$
1	+2	+1	+3	$1 \times 1, 1$	$\boxed{\cdot}$
2	+2	-1	+1	$1 \times 1, 3$	$\boxed{\cdot \cdot \cdot}$
3	0	+1	+1	$2 \times 1, 3$	$\boxed{\cdot \cdot \cdot}$ $\boxed{\cdot \cdot \cdot}$
4	0	-1	-1	$2 \times 1, 3$	$\boxed{\cdot \cdot \cdot}$ $\boxed{\cdot \cdot \cdot}$
5	-2	+1	-1	$1 \times 1, 3$	$\boxed{\cdot \cdot \cdot}$
6	-2	-1	-3	$1 \times 1, 1$	$\boxed{\cdot}$